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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: The Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS)
Experiment

An important project which the DCI must undertake as part
of the intelligence information program approved by USIB on 4 April
1968 and forwarded to the President is the Community On-Line
Intelligence System (COINS) experiment and the evaluation of the
usefulness of this system ^tfor future use by the intelligence community.
The development of the system itself has been under way since late
1965. The test, analysis and evaluation phase is planned to begin on
1 July 1968 and continue for one year.

The Director of the National Security Agency has been
requested to assign a manager to operate the system for the period
of the balance of the experiment. The manager will be expected to
carry out his duties in accordance with instructions which will be
issued to him (copy attached hereto).

It is requested that CIA, DIA and NSA designate the managers
of their portion of the COINS experiment to act as sub-system
managers for the experiment under the general guidance of the
manager of the COINS experiment. The Department of State, [NPIC]
and NIC are requested to designate similar personnel as appropriate

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to the level of their participation. All are requested to nominate qualified personnel to technical panels, working groups and the like as may be required and requested by the COINS manager.

My designated representative to supervise all aspects of the
25X1 COINS experiment is [redacted] of the NIPE staff. He will use the newly formed Intelligence Information Handling Committee, of which he is Chairman, for staff support and will consult the Committee for advice and guidance as appropriate. The manager of the COINS experiment will report to [him as] my representative (as required).

Periodic reports will be submitted to USIB as the experiment progresses.

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Remarks: Would you please give me your reactions to the attached very rough draft which I believe reflects our conversation yesterday and at the same time answers questions raised by Gen. Carter at the USIB meeting today.

I am instructed to discuss this proposal with Gen. Carter soonest. If you desire, I can discuss this with you at your earliest convenience.

FYI, in his re-write of the Memorandum for the President in response to NSAM 368, the DCI has used the phrase "I expect to achieve 'straight-line' management control."

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